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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. William H. Moody, Georges, via Portland, 10,000 lbs. cod.

Today's Fish Market.

Board of Trade prices for salt and fresh fish:

Salt fish, handline Georges cod, \$4.90 per cwt. for large, \$4.00 for medium; trawl Georges cod, \$4.25 for large, \$3.25 for medium; trawl Bank cod, \$4.00 for large, \$3.50 for medium; hake, \$1.25; pollock, \$1.25; haddock, \$1.75; large cusk, \$2.50.

Fresh fish, large cod, \$2.15; medium cod, \$1.75; all cod caught to the eastward of La-Have bank, \$2.15, medium \$1.75; cusk, \$1.50; Eastern haddock, \$1; Western haddock, \$1.15; hake, 90 cts.; Eastern hake, 90 cts.; Western hake, 95 cts.; pollock, 70c; snap per codfish, 60 cts.; snapper cusk, 40 cts.

Outside sales salt Georges cod, \$5.50 per cwt. for large and \$5.00 for mediums.

Outside sales fresh hake, \$1.00.

Bank halibut, 11 cts. per pound for white and 9 cts. for gray.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Mary E. Silveira, shore.
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, shore.
Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore.
Sch. Henrietta G. Martin, shore.
Sch. Teresa and Alice, shore.
Sch. Patriot, Georges.
Sch. Mildred V. Robinson, haddocking.

Boston.

No arrivals today.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Ingomar, New York for this port, was at Vineyard Haven yesterday.

There is no doubt but that the past month will go down on record, in the minds of the fishermen at least, as one of the worst they ever spent on salt water. In all the months there has not been what the haddockers would call a good fish day, that is a day when from dawn to dark they could set and haul in comparative safety. Not one of these days have the hard working trawlers had, and what fish they have got they have fairly had to steal from the grasp of the bad weather, getting two or three hours out of a day when they could put out a little of their trawls.

The two weeks just passed have been particularly bad in this respect and many are the chances the fishermen have taken to bring in what fish they have. On this trip just finished a large number of the haddockers were on Georges and they had jogged about for three days without putting a dory over the side, so rough was the sea. In one of the vessels, one of the leaders of the fleet, the skipper and crew, all workers and steady men and anxious to make a dollar, chafed under the restraint, and finally, although it was, as the fishermen say, "an awful day to set them out," they put over their dories and set part of their trawls, while many of the other vessels were still jogging. In the leeward dory were two husky chaps and they had just finished breaking out their trawl anchor, previous to rowing back to the vessel with their catch, which had been a good one, when another of the big haddocking crafts came jogging by them and close to the dory. The skipper stood on the quarter, he looked up at his own riding sail and at the heavy sea, and then at the dory load of fish, shook his head and sang out, "Well, boys, if this is how you get 'em, I don't begrudge 'em to you."

And so it goes in the fishing business. The fishing is always dangerous, but in a winter like this it is doubly so, for men must work to make a dollar for themselves and families, and many of them will take desperate chances to get some fish, for they know a fare caught while some of the other vessels are not fishing means a good chance for a bare market and high prices, and they are anxious often to take the chance.

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ANOTHER STEAMER WRECK.

May Be on the Northwest Bar of Sable Island.

A rumor which has gained currency at Halifax, is to the effect that a steamer is ashore on Sable Island, an officer of the steamer Damara stating that he saw a steamer with two masts and one funnel ashore off the northwest bar.

Capt. Harmon of fishing schooner Paragon of this port, which is at Halifax, states that he sighted Sable Island a few days ago, and saw the hull of the British steamship Crofton Hall, which stranded about ten years ago.

Capt. Harmon, when informed that one of the officers of the steamer Damara had reported seeing a wreck on the island, expressed the opinion that the officer was correct if he had seen two masts, as he reported.

The Gloucester captain says that only one mast of the Crofton Hall is now standing and that one has been the only mast standing above the wreck for a long time.

The government steamer Lady Laurier will go to Sable Island shortly, and the report will be investigated.

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Sch. Admiral Dewey, Fortune Bay, N. F., 450 bbls. frozen herring.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks, shore.
Sch. Belbina P. Domingues, shore.
Sch. Robin Hood, via Boston.
Sch. Mary Edith, shore.
Sch. James S. Steele, shore.
Sch. George H. Luber, shore.

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Outside sales fresh hake, \$1.00.

Bank halibut, 11 cts. per pound for white and 9 cts. for gray.

Boston.

Sch. Theresa and Alice, 6000 haddock, 500 cod, 500 hake.
Sch. Gertrude, 15,000 haddock, 2000 cod.
Sch. Rapidan, 2000 cod.
Sch. Yankee, 7300 cod.
Sch. Massasoit, 5000 cod.
Sch. Mattie Brundage, 2500 haddock, 700 cod, 2000 hake, 500 pollock, 200 cusk.
Sch. Valentinnia, 5600 cod.
Sch. Olive Hutchins, 1200 haddock, 300 cod, 3500 hake.
Sch. Emerald, 6000 cod.
Haddock, \$3 to \$6.50; large cod, \$5 to \$7; market cod, \$4.50 to \$5.50.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Harry A. Nickerson was at Yarmouth, N. S., last Friday.
Sch. Gossip is on Burnham's railways getting ready for a salt bank trip.

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THE STARFISH.

This Peculiar Creature Can Neither See, Hear Nor Smell.

Unlike man, the starfish which loses one of its "arms," or properly its rays, grows a new one to take its place. Under certain conditions it grows two to take the place of one. A starfish may lose all its rays without losing its life, and very often a cripple with but a single ray left is found by fishermen and collectors. When completely broken in two the starfish becomes two distinct fish, and the growing process continues. The brittle starfish, it is believed, in many instances breaks off its own rays at the approach of danger. For this reason it is difficult to obtain a perfect specimen.

A starfish can neither see nor hear. Neither has it the sense of smell. In spite of these seeming impediments, nevertheless, it seeks and devours its prey as neatly as an ordinary fish. The starfish lies upon its prey and folds its "arms," or rays, completely about it. Then it pushes its stomach out through its mouth and will wrap even a large oyster and shell within the folds of the stomach. The mouth of the starfish is in the center of its rays.

Some great ships are today employed almost wholly in seeking for starfish specimens in deep seas, and there are hundreds of men who spend a portion of their time in collecting starfish in the interests of science. Many of the specimens collected by ships are taken from depths of one and even two miles.

Immense Herring Catch.

The returns for the season's herring catch at Bay of Islands show a condition of affairs this year that has been unsurpassed. The amount of money distributed in Bay of Islands, and in fact to hundreds of non-resident fishermen, is unprecedented. The majority of craft in quest of herring were American, 66 of whom entered and cleared at the Customs, while only 12 were British (Canadian) bottoms. These 78 vessels aggregate 7051 tons, carried 626 men and took 94,441 barrels of herring, comprising 65,359 salt bulk, 8987 pickled, 22,095 frozen, valued at \$157,850.50. The people of Bay of Islands thoroughly appreciate the benefits of this winter's fishery, and the profits derived can be fully seen in their prosperous condition today. It is hoped it will long continue.—St. John's, N. F., Herald.

Herring Receipts.

Sch. Admiral Dewey, Capt. John Vautier, arrived yesterday from Fortune Bay, N. F., with 450 barrels of frozen herring.

Schs. Columbia, Lena and Maud, Veda M. McKown, Arbitrator and A. M. Nicholson yet remain to arrive from there, all of whom are understood to be on the way home.

The season at Fortune Bay has been practically a total failure.

Sch. Willie S. Swift is bound here from Harbor Breton, N. F., with a cargo of salt herring.

Sold to New York.

The fare of frozen herring of sch. Maggie and May has been sold to New York parties.

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The Biggest Shells.

The biggest shells are found on a large barrier reef of the Indian ocean, 1,200 miles long, east of Australia. Here the monsters come up on the rocks, which are almost inaccessible, and grow to weigh over 300 pounds. The Smithsonian has one of these bivalves in its collection which stands over three feet high. It has a saw tooth edge and inside a large muscle scar. The natives stand in as much fear of them as they do of a mad elephant, and many traditions are common among them of how arms and legs have been bitten off.

Mystery Solved.

The mysterious light reported at Frenchman's Island, Bay of Islands, N. F., has been accounted for. The weather was so stormy that no one could venture over the frozen Humber for days after it was reported, but when the storms ceased it was discovered that one of the herring catchers had been caught in the floe and from her the light was seen. It is improbable that this vessel will get free before the spring.

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Sch. A. M. Nicholson, Fortune Bay, N. F. 600 bbls. frozen herring.

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Bank halibut, 11 cts. per pound for white and 9 cts. for gray.

Boston.

Sch. Muriel, 50,000 haddock.
Sch. Mary C. Santos, 14,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1500 pollock.
Sch. Annie Perry, 10,000 haddock.
Sch. Catherine M. Burke, 25,000 haddock, 2000 cod.
Sch. Fannie Prescott, 34,000 haddock, 3700 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Arcadia, 15,000 haddock, 5000 cod.
Haddock, \$2.50 to \$5.50; large cod, \$3.50 to \$6; market cod, \$4 to \$4.50.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

The pinky Metamora, from New Harbor, Me., for this port with cured fish was at Portland Saturday.

Sch. Mildred V. Numan arrived at Portland Saturday with 6000 lbs. fresh fish.

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REPORT ADOPTED

By Vancouver Board of Trade on Halibut Fishery.

The Vancouver Board of Trade has adopted the following report of a special committee on the halibut fishery: "Your committee begs to report that the conservation of the halibut fisheries seems to depend upon some alteration in the present fisheries act, whereby foreign fishing vessels would be prohibited from making use of Canadian harbors for any other purpose than merely as harbors of refuge when under stress of weather such vessels cannot remain on the fishing grounds. The American ports are too distant from the halibut grounds for any vessel excepting those under the Canadian flag to successfully prosecute their calling on these banks. It is also the opinion of your committee that the appointment of a close season for deep-sea fishing is advisable, but it would appear that sufficient biological knowledge of the habits of halibut and other sea fish frequenting these coasts is not yet in the possession of the government."—New York Fishing Gazette.

NO ICE ON PEAK.

Capt. Spinney of Sch. Arbitrator Brings Report.

Saw Big Ice Field Southwest of Miquelon.

Sch. Arbitrator, Capt. Wilson Spinney, arrived this morning from Fortune Bay, N. F., with 125 barrels of frozen herring.

Capt. Spinney reports that all the vessels from Fortune Bay, are now on the way home. He brings the good news that there is no ice on the Peak, and he saw one salt fisherman there.

In speaking of the ice, Capt. Spinney said that it extended from Miquelon fully 75 miles in a southwesterly direction and was quite thick.

Big Price for Fish at Portland.

Fresh fish at Portland yesterday reached the highest price for two years, \$5.50 being paid for haddock, \$6.50 for large cod and \$5.25 for hake. Schs. Charles W. Parker and Uncle Sam were these with small trips.

March 1

Fisheries Committee Made Prices.

The fisheries committee of the Board of Trade met this morning for the first time since last fall and made the following prices for fish x-vessel:

Large handline, salt Georges cod, \$5, medium cod, \$4.

Western cod, large fresh \$2.50, medium \$2; Eastern cod, large fresh \$2.25, medium \$1.75; cusk, \$1.75; haddock, \$1.25; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, 70 cts.

March 1

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To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Olga, Georges, 45,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Cecil H. Low, Georges, 1000 lbs. cod, 1000 lbs. halibut.
Sch. Niagara, Georges, 3000 lbs. cod, 3900 lbs. halibut.
Sch. Louise Polleys, Georges, 3000 lbs. cod, 500 lbs. halibut.
Sen. Columbia, Fortune Bay, N. F., 150 bbls. frozen herring, 1000 lbs. cod.
Sch. Arcadia, via Boston.
Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore.
Sch. Evelyn L. Smith, shore.
Sch. Ida M. Silva, shore.
Sch. Mary E. Silveria, shore.
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, shore.
Sch. Catherine D. Enos, shore.
Sch. Mattakesett, shore.

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Boston.

Sch. Louisa R. Silva, 14,000 haddock, 700 cod, 500 pollock.
Sch. Julia Costa, 6000 haddock, 100 cod, 2000 hake, 200 pollock.
Sch. Ramona, 5000 haddock, 400 cod, 1100 hake.
Sch. Seaconnet, 6000 haddock, 500 cod.
Sch. Oliver F. Kilham, 4000 haddock, 500 pollock, 1000 hake.
Sch. Joseph P. Johnson, 4000 haddock, 200 cod, 200 pollock.
Sch. Flavilla, 7000 haddock, 200 cod, 200 hake.
Sch. Minerva, 6000 haddock, 500 cod, 500 pollock.
Sch. Genesta, 6500 haddock, 500 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Emily Cooney, 8000 haddock, 2000 cod.
Sch. W. A. Morse, 15,000 haddock, 1500 cod, 1000 hake, 600 pollock.
Sch. Livonia, 200 cod.
Sch. Maxwell, 1000 cod.
Sch. Two Forty, 2600 haddock, 200 cod.
Sch. Philip Manta, 8000 haddock, 1500 cod, 200 pollock, 300 cusk.
Sch. Nellie G. Adams, 15,000 haddock, 600 cod, 500 cusk.
Sch. Richard Wainwright, 30,000 haddock.
Sch. Mary A. Gleason, 1500 haddock, 1500 cod, 3000 hake, 3000 cusk.
Sch. Mary Edith, 1000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Carrie F. Roberts, 7000 haddock, 2000 cod.
Sch. Walter P. Goulet, 5000 haddock, 100 cod, 300 hake.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 5000 haddock, 200 cod.
Sch. Meteor, 32,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 4000 hake, 4000 cusk.
Sch. Olive F. Hutchings, 8000 haddock, 300 cod, 200 hake.
Sch. Mertis H. Perry, 8000 haddock, 700 cod, 200 pollock.
Sch. Quannapowitt, 27,000 haddock, 8000 hake, 2000 pollock.
Haddock, \$2 to \$4; large cod, \$5 to \$5.50; market cod, \$4 to \$5; hake, \$3 to \$4; pollock, \$3.50; cusk, \$2.50.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Willie Swift, Fortune Bay, N. F., via St. Pierre, for this port was at Halifax yesterday.